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Dear Resident Representative,

SDVH currently has zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 in residents and **two confirmed cases in staff**.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, a SDVH staff member tested positive for COVID-19. Residents that were exposed will quarantine in their rooms and be closely monitored for the next fourteen (14) days. If your loved has been quarantined due to potential exposure you will have received a call from one of our nurses by 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

All residents will be tested for COVID19 weekly over the next fourteen (14) days following CMS and SD DOH guidelines for testing when there is a positive staff with exposure to facility.

If you have any questions regarding your loved one's care, please call their Resident Care Coordinator at 605-745-5127 extension:

- Nasa/Stars & Stripes - Wendy Brehe – 1500219
- Veterans Lane & Old Glory - Jenny Hayashi – 1500444
- Custer and Joe Foss - Natalie Hooper – 1500229
- South Pacific & JASCO - Susan Stava – 1500506

The staff members who have tested positive are on quarantine.

Per CMS and DOH guidelines, indoor lobby visits have been suspended until further notice due to the positive staff case in the facility. Group activities are also suspended until further notice.

We continue to follow all precautions based on state and federal guidelines as well as CDC and DOH recommendations to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. Increased environmental services and cleaning are in place at this time. All entry and exit to the facility continue to be limited to one entrance and all staff are being screened upon entry.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call administration at 605-745-5127 ext.1500116 or Rachelle Infection Preventionist at 605-745-5127 ext. 1500339 regarding questions about COVID-19 and the facility.

Sincerely,  
Rachelle, RN  
Infection Preventionist